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1. On 12 November 1953, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg, was occupied by about 600 troops. On 12 November, a 152-mm artillery piece and a 122-mm gun were seen in the area north of the installation.

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2. On 12 November, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and, some, motor transport insignia. On 3 November, an undetermined number of troops attended about 20 trucks, 5 to 6 x 152-mm guns and 4 prime movers. On 12 November, about 15 trucks and 2 x 76-mm AT guns were seen.

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3. Beginning at 10 a.m. on 3 November, ceremonies commemorating the October Revolution were held at the cemetery, the stadium and the theater. Three columns were seen in Leipziger Strasse, en route to the ceremonies. They included a column of 107 officers and about 500 EM, with 70 percent of the troops wearing artillery insignia, 15 percent motor transport insignia and the others without branch of service insignia; a second column of a 16-piece band, 35 officers, and about 270 EM, with 65 percent of the troops wearing artillery insignia, 15 percent motor transport insignia and the others without branch of service insignia; and a third column of a 12-piece band, 40 officers and about 300 EM, with 55 percent of the troops wearing artillery insignia, 15 percent motor transport insignia and the others without branch of service insignia. Trucks

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were seen Some of the trucks were loaded with wreaths.

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Comment. According to this information, the 38th Army AT Arty Brig and the 43d Gds Army Arty Brig, can be carried at the post as previously in mid-November. The strengths figures observed on 8 November scarcely correspond with half the occupation strength of the post.

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